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(AUDS) PROGRAM 1975-76

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1. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED REVISED PROPOSAL FROM AIFLD FOR CONTINUATION OF AUDS PROGRAM DURING CONTRACT YEAR STARTING APRIL 1, 1975. PROPOSAL INCLUDES:

A. ACTIVISTS (TWO EACH) FOR WORKING WITH ANACH IN HONDURAS, CHINANDEGA BANANA WORKERS IN NICARAGUA, AND APPROPRIATE GROUP IN PANAMA, TOGETHER WITH ORIENTATION SEMINAR IN VENEZUELA. ACTIVISTS WOULD BE

SELECTED AND EMPLOYED BY THE FEDERATION OR CONFEDERATION TO ACT, IN EFFECT, AS MEMBERS OF UNION STAFFS; COSTS WOULD BE REIMBURSED BY AIFLD.

B. REGIONAL RESIDENTIAL SEMINAR (3 WEEKS) AT FUSAGASUGA, COLOMBIA FOR 2 TOP LEADERS EACH FROM THESE AND COUNTERPART RURAL UNIONS AND FEDERATIONS FROM FOLLOWING COUNTRIES: BOLIVIA, COSTA RICA (SITRACOBAN - BANANAS), DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR (UCS), GUATEMALA (MCI), HONDURAS, NICARAGUA, PANAMA AND VENEZUELA.

C. EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR ONE MONTH IN-COUNTRY TRAINING IN COLOMBIA FOR TOP LEADERSHIP (NORMALLY SEPARATE INDIVIDUALS FROM THOSE LISTED IN 2. ABOVE) FROM SAME RURAL UNIONS AND FEDERATIONS AS FOLLOWS: FROM VENEZUELA AND BOLIVIA (FOUR EACH), FROM DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND EL SALVADOR (TWO EACH).

D. SEMINAR FOR BANANA WORKERS, FIVE DAYS, HOSTED BY ANACH, CAMPESINO CONFEDERATION, HONDURAS.

PARTICIPANTS WOULD INCLUDE TOP LEADERSHIP FROM PLANTATION WORKERS UNIONS AND FEDERATIONS IN VENEZUELA, NICARAGUA, AND GUATEMALA (TWO EACH), PANAMA AND COSTA RICA (THREE EACH) AND ECUADOR (FOUR). CURRICULUM WOULD INCLUDE ORGANIZATION, EDUCATION, LEGISLATION, AND OTHER SUBJECTS RELATED TO THE CAMPESINO SECTOR.

2. PLEASE REFER TO ATTACHMENTS TO REF CIRCULAR A.
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FOR DESCRIPTION OF AUDS PROGRAM.

3. FOR GUATEMALA ONLY, ASSUME REF. D. STILL HOLDS.
ADVISE IF NOT.

4. PANAMA WAS NOT INCLUDED IN ORIGINAL PROJECT DESIGN AS APPROVED IN AID/W (SEE REF. CIRCULAR A) AND HAS NEVER COMMENTED ON THE AUDS PROGRAM PROPOSAL,

PER OUR RECORDS. REQUEST COUNTRY TEAM EVALUATE
PROPOSAL AND TRANSMIT SUMMARY VIEWS.

5. ALL POSTS REQUESTED TO COMMENT SPECIFICALLY ON
BANANA WORKER SEMINAR PROPOSAL (PARA 1 D. ABOVE),
IN VIEW OF (1) RECENT GOVERNMENT AND COMPANY ACTIONS,
STATUS OF CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL
MEETINGS OF BANANA WORKERS IN PANAMA IN APRIL 1974
AND COSTA RICA IN SEPTEMBER, 1974, AND (2) ADVISABILITY
OF U.S. FUNDING OF ORGANIZERS FOR BANANA WORKERS AT
THIS TIME. UP-DATE COMMENTS ON OTHER ASPECTS OF
PROPOSED PROGRAM ALSO WELCOME OF COURSE.

6. REQUEST COMMENTS BE CABLED NLT MARCH 26. INGERSOLL

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